

Washington, DC - Today, Rep. Linda Sánchez voted in favor of the President's budget and the House budget resolution today that serves as a long term economic plan that will get our economy working again.

"It is a sight for sore eyes to see the President present an honest budget, putting an end to years of masking the costs of things we have to pay for, like the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Rep. Linda Sánchez.

The House of Representatives passed the fiscal year 2010 budget resolution (H. Con. Res. 85) today which makes important investments to strengthen our economy and our country while getting the budget on a path toward fiscal responsibility. Building on the progress of the Recovery Act, the budget is an economic blueprint for the future -- including strategic investments in health care reform, education, and energy independence.

"This is good news for working and middle-class families who have been struggling to keep their heads above water," continued Sánchez. "For far too long, these families have been bearing the brunt of misplaced priorities, above all, the ever-rising cost of healthcare.

The House-passed long term economic plan will cut the deficit nearly two-thirds by 2013. It cuts taxes for middle class families by \$1.5 trillion. It will create jobs and grow our economy with targeted investments and reforms in health care, clean energy and education while reducing non-defense discretionary spending to its lowest level in nearly half a century. This long term economic plan ushers in a new era of honesty in budgeting by fully accounting for known expenses like the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan that previous administrations left out in order to make the deficit look smaller. To bring change and restore integrity to Washington, this budget puts an unprecedented effort on rooting out waste, fraud and abuse in government spending. In their proposed budget Republicans offered nothing but the failed policies of the last eight years - the same policies that created this economic crisis.

"It is shameful that while the United States spends more than every other nation in the world on health care, we fail to care for everyone. This budget makes a down payment on health care reform, invests in working families, and sets America on a fundamentally new course."